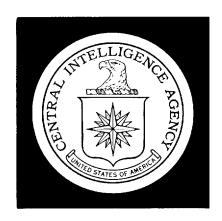
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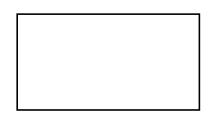


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IN DISCUSSIONS WITH MEMBERS OF THE US DELE-GATION TO NASIR'S FUNERAL, HIGH EGYPTIAN OFFICIALS CONVEYED A SIMILAR WILLINGNESS TO PURSUE A POLITI-CAL SETTLEMENT WITH ISRAEL, BUT ALSO A LACK OF ACTING PRESIDENT SADAT FLEXIBILITY IN THIS REGARD. SAID THAT ALTHOUGH HE PERSONALLY HAD NOT AGREED WITH NASIR'S VIEW THAT THE PURSUIT OF A PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO THE MIDDLE EAST PROBLEM WAS DESIRABLE, HE WOULD CARRY OUT NASIR'S POLICY DURING HIS TEN-URE AS ACTING CHIEF OF STATE. HE SAID THAT HE WAS PREPARED TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE PROPOSALS FOR RECTI-FICATION OF THE MISSILE SITUATION ALONG THE CANAL, BUT WOULD NOT ASK HIS MILITARY TO REMOVE EVEN ONE MISSILE FROM THIS AREA.

MINISTER OF STATE HAYKAL EMPHASIZED EGYPT'S
DESIRE FOR A STABLE SOLUTION TO THE ARAB-ISRAELI
PROBLEM, BUT REITERATED THE STANDARD EGYPTIAN LINE
THAT NO VIOLATIONS OF THE CEASE-FIRE/STANDSTILL
HAD OCCURRED, AND WENT ON TO SAY THAT IN ANY CASE
CAIRO COULD NOT BE EXPECTED TO WITHDRAW MISSILE
BATTERIES FROM THE CANAL. FOREIGN AFFAIRS ADVISER
MAHMUD FAWZI SPOKE ALONG SIMILAR LINES, BUT STRESSED
THE NECESSITY FOR MAINTAINING THE MOMENTUM OF PEACE
EFFORTS. FAWZI REFERRED TO THE UNCERTAIN ATMOSPHERE
THAT WAS BOUND TO PERVADE THE EGYPTIAN SCENE FOR
SOME TIME, AND WARNED AGAINST THE DANGERS OF LET-

IN DISCUSSING VIOLATIONS OF THE CEASE-FIRE,
FAWZI ALLEGED THAT ANY UNILATERAL WITHDRAWAL OF
WEAPONS FROM THE CANAL ZONE WOULD IMMEDIATELY PROVOKE A DANGEROUS REACTION WITHIN THE COUNTRY. ONCE
EGYPT WAS CONVINCED THAT ISRAEL ACCEPTED THE PRINCIPLE OF NO TERRITORIAL EXPANSION, OR IF CAIRO BELIEVED THAT THE US ACCEPTED THIS PRINCIPLE AND WAS
WILLING TO APPLY PRESSURE TO THIS END, HOWEVER,
THEN SUITABLE FRECTIFICATIONS FROM COULD TAKE PLACE.

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